

23

Screened by NARA (RF) 11-15-2023 FOIA # 65468 DocId: 34618881

Declassification authority derived from FBI Automatic
Declassification Guide, issued May 24, 2007

157-3057
thru
157-3064

DO NOT DESTROY
SUBJECT OF FOIPA REQUEST

~~DO NOT DESTROY INFORMATION~~
~~DO NOT DESTROY INFORMATION~~

FOI A/PA
DO NOT DESTROY SERIAL 157-3063-15
6-15-2001
PRIOR TO

Best available image

F B I

Date: 7/25/68

Jul 25 2 56 PM '68

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-NEW)

AFRO - AMERICAN AGGRESSORS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PICKETING STATE HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, MD.,
JULY TWENTYFIVE ^{SIXTY EIGHT} ~~IN~~ ^{EST}, RM. [REDACTED] (MIS P)

MARYLAND STATE POLICE [REDACTED]

ADVISED TODAY SEVEN MALES AND SIX FEMALES, ALL NEGRO, ARRIVED ANNAPOLIS FROM CAMBRIDGE, MD. AT TWELVE-THIRTY PM THIS DATE IN THREE AUTOS. THEY ANNOUNCED THEY WERE MEMBERS OF NEWLY FORMED CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION. THEY PROCEEDED TO MARCH IN FRONT OF STATE HOUSE FOR APPROX. ONE HALF HOUR CARRYING SIGNS STATING "BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL" AND "OUR WAR IS HERE - NOT IN VIETNAM." AFTER ONE HALF HOUR THEY LEFT SUPPOSEDLY TO RETURN TO CAMBRIDGE WITHOUT REVEALING THEIR PURPOSE OF DEMONSTRATION, OTHER THAN SEEKING PUBLICITY FOR THEIR NEW ORGANIZATION. [REDACTED]

I [REDACTED] NO INCIDENTS OR

ARRESTS

Searched _____
Serialized _____
Indexed _____
Filed _____

LOCAL AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED. [REDACTED]

① - Baltimore

GTC:rms

(1)

LHM FOLLOW S.

CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION
WILL BE INVESTIGATED.

Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

4:57 PM

Per

MP

157-3063-1



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Baltimore, Maryland

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

July 26, 1968

RE: AFRO-AMERICAN AGGRESSORS
(AN ORGANIZATION OF NEGROES IN
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND);
DEMONSTRATION AT MARYLAND STATE HOUSE,
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND,
JULY 25, 1968

On July 25, 1968, Investigator George Thomas,
Maryland State Police, Annapolis, Maryland, advised as
follows:

A group of persons who call themselves the
"Afro-American Aggressors," which is an organization of
Negroes in Cambridge, Maryland, consisting of seven
males and six females, all Negroes, arrived at Annapolis,
Maryland, at 12:30 p.m., July 25, 1968, in three automobiles.

Upon their arrival in Annapolis, these individ-
uals picketed the Maryland State House from about 12:30
p.m. until shortly after 1:00 p.m. quietly and without
incident. They did not set out any demands or reasons
for picketing but they did carry the following signs:

"Black is beautiful" and "Our war is here--
not in Vietnam."

Shortly after 1:00 p.m. this group re-entered
their automobiles and left the Annapolis area.

11 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
4 - 109th MI GP, Baltimore (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - NISO, Washington, D. C. (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - OSI, District 4, Washington, D. C. (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - Secret Service, Baltimore (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - USA, Baltimore
① - Baltimore (157-
GTC:csn
(20) *can*

Searched _____
Serialized *me*
Indexed _____
Filed *mayo*

157-3063-2

RE: AFRO-AMERICAN AGGRESSORS
(AN ORGANIZATION OF NEGROES IN
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND);
DEMONSTRATION AT MARYLAND STATE HOUSE,
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND,
JULY 25, 1968

There were no arrests and no incidents involved
in the above matter.

Representatives of the 109th MI GP, Baltimore;
Secret Service, Baltimore; and United States Attorney's
Office, Baltimore, were advised of the above.

"THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS NEITHER RECOMMENDATIONS
NOR CONCLUSIONS OF THE FBI. IT IS THE PROPERTY
OF THE FBI AND IS LOANED TO YOUR AGENCY; IT
AND ITS CONTENTS ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED
OUTSIDE YOUR AGENCY."

2*

7/26/68

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-

SUBJECT: AFRO-AMERICAN AGGRESSORS
(AN ORGANIZATION OF NEGROES IN
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND);
DEMONSTRATION AT MARYLAND STATE HOUSE,
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND
7/25/68
RM

Re Baltimore teletype to Bureau, 7/25/68.

Enclosed are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above setting out facts of captioned demonstration.

Local dissemination is being made to 109th MI GP, Secret Service, and USA, Baltimore, and to NISO and OSI District 4, Washington, D. C.

Investigation in this case was conducted by SA GAIL T. COBB.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (REGISTERED MAIL)

① - Baltimore

GTC:csn

(4)

Searched _____
Serialized me
Indexed _____
Filed g

157-3063-3

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Baltimore

DATE: 7/31/68

✓ FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: AFRO-AMERICAN AGGRESSORS
RACIAL MATTERS

Reurairtel and letterhead memorandum dated 7/26/68.

Referenced airtel and LHM concerned a demonstration by captioned group at the Maryland State House, Annapolis, 7/25/68. Referenced airtel did not note the status of this case or whether the group is being investigated.

Although this group was involved in a peaceful demonstration, in view of the name chosen for the group you should open a case on the Afro-American Aggressors. If not already done, institute investigation to determine the aims and purposes of this group and to determine whether black nationalist extremists are involved.

157-3063-4

SEARCHED <i>gff</i>	INDEXED <i>gff</i>
SERIALIZED <i>gff</i>	FILED <i>gff</i>
AUG 1 - 1968	
FBI - BALTIMORE	

Map
u



5010-108

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

August 19, 1968

RE: RACIAL SITUATION
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND
August 19-24, 1968

On August 16, 1968, Roger Stewart, a spokesman for the Afro-American Aggressors of Cambridge (AAAC), Cambridge, Maryland, a newly organized civil rights group, stated that the AAAC is sponsoring Afro-American week in Cambridge, August 19-24, 1968, and in conjunction with this have invited prominent out-of-town civil rights leaders to come to Cambridge. Stewart mentioned that invitations have been sent to Cassius Clay, Ertha Kitt, Stokely Carmichael, Levi Jones and Ron Karenga. He indicated that many other leaders also have been invited and all indicated they would make an effort to attend. Stewart stated that conferences and workshops will be conducted during the week at which various ideas on how to help the plight of the Negroes in Cambridge and in general will be exchanged by those in attendance. Stewart hopes to make the Afro-American week an annual affair and anticipates that it will be a big success. The affairs will all be held on private property in the Negro section of Cambridge.

On August 16, 1968, Chief of Police Brice Kinnamon, Cambridge, Maryland, advised that he was aware of the forthcoming Afro-American week in Cambridge but added that he has no specific details concerning the events that will take place. He advised, however, that the Bay Country Festival sponsored by the City of Cambridge is also being held during that same week and large crowds are expected for the festivities.

- 11 - Bureau (REGIS. MAIL)
- 4 - 109th MI GP, BA (RM)
- 1 - USA, BA
- 1 - Secret Service, BA (RM)
- 1 - NISO, BA (RM)
- 1 - OSI, Pa. (RM)
- 3 - Baltimore (157-2379) (157-857)
- RFM:rms (157-3063)
- (22)

Searched _____
Serialized MLL
Indexed _____
Filed 1778

157-3063-5

RE: RACIAL SITUATION
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND
August 19-24, 1968

Chief Kinnamon was of the opinion that very few, if any, out-of-town civil rights leaders would accept the invitation to attend the Afro-American week in Cambridge.

"THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS NEITHER RECOMMENDATIONS
NOR CONCLUSIONS OF THE FBI. IT IS THE PROPERTY
OF THE FBI AND IS LOANED TO YOUR AGENCY; IT
AND ITS CONTENTS ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED
OUTSIDE YOUR AGENCY."

2*



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-2379

Baltimore, Maryland

July 25, 1968

RE: RACIAL SITUATION
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

On July 22, 1968, Chief of Police Brice Kinnamon, Cambridge, Maryland, advised that one of his police officers picked up a circular in the Negro section of Cambridge reflecting that a march would be led by the Afro-American Aggressors of Cambridge, Maryland, from 764 Cornish Drive to City Hall on Monday, July 22, 1968, at 6:00 p.m. Ellen Fletcher Crawford, a former member of the Cambridge Black Action Federation (CBAF) resides at that address.

Chief Kinnamon stated that the Afro-American Aggressors of Cambridge is reportedly a newly formed civil rights organization within the Second Ward of Cambridge. Lemuel Darnell Chester, Reverend Alphonso Fritchett, Baptist Minister, and Roger Stewart, who were all formerly members of the Cambridge Black Action Federation, Cambridge, broke away from the CBAF because of a conflict with the leaders of CBAF and formed their own organization. Chief Kinnamon stated that the espoused purpose of the organization is to obtain better and additional housing for the Negro people of Cambridge.

At approximately 7:00 p.m., July 22, 1968, 40 Negroes, including a number of teenagers from the Second Ward of Cambridge, appeared at the City Council meeting and were admitted entrance. The group confronted the newly-elected City Council over delays in construction of 75 additionally approved low cost housing. The group spokesman, Reverend Alphonso Fritchett, accused the council and Mayor of being responsible for the lengthy delay in choosing a site for the housing project. The Mayor admitted that the city had turned down three sites which had been proposed by Federal Housing officials. The Mayor promised a meeting of the local housing committee, Federal Housing officials and other city officials to determine who is responsible for the delay. Reverend Fritchett told the City Council that the group represented a newly-formed civil rights organization named Afro-American Aggressors of Cambridge.

- 11 - Bureau (REGIS.MAIL)
4 - 109th MI GP, Baltimore (REGIS.MAIL)
1 - U.S. Attorney, Baltimore
1 - Secret Service, Baltimore (REGIS.MAIL)
1 - ONI, Bainbridge, Md. (REGIS.MAIL)
1 - OSI, Pennsylvania (REGIS.MAIL)
② - Baltimore (1-157-2379)(1-157-2377)

157-3063-4

Searched	_____
Serialized	_____
Indexed	_____
Filed	_____

157-3240-1

RE: RACIAL SITUATION
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

The group of Negroes left the City Council meeting at 7:50 p.m. after an orderly meeting with the City Council. The Cambridge City Police Department confiscated eight bicycles for not having bicycle tags from eight Negro youths who had accompanied the group to City Hall. After the group left the meeting, they confronted City police officials and exchanged heated words over the confiscation of the bicycles. The group thereafter broke up and returned to the Second Ward. There were no arrests and no further incidents reported.

"THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS NEITHER RECOMMENDATIONS
NOR CONCLUSIONS OF THE FBI. IT IS THE PROPERTY
OF THE FBI AND IS LOANED TO YOUR AGENCY; IT
AND ITS CONTENTS ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED
OUTSIDE YOUR AGENCY."

7/25/68

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-2379)

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND
RM

ReBAtol to Bureau, 7/22/68.

Enclosed for Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Copies of the LHM are being furnished to 109th MI GP, Secret Service, U. S. Attorney, Baltimore, Maryland, ONI, Bainbridge, Maryland, and C. G. Pennsylvania.

*Aggressors 3
Rm*

Cambridge

*Consulated
into 9-13-68
all
157-3063*

3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (REG. MAIL)
2 - Baltimore (1 - 157-2379)

RFM:drl
(5)

drl

*rec'd by
noted 8/22/68
ml*

Searched _____
Serialized *ml*
Indexed *ml*
Filed *ml*

Mayo

OO Be

T D 3U

157-3063-7

157-3240-7

Date received 8/23/68	Received from (name or symbol number) FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	Received by SA RICHARD F. MAYO
Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in person <input type="checkbox"/> by telephone <input type="checkbox"/> by mail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> orally <input type="checkbox"/> recording device <input type="checkbox"/> written by Informant		
If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Dictated <u>8/23/68</u> to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 8/19-23/68 Date(s) of activity
Brief description of activity or material: <u>Informant furnished current racial situation in Cambridge, Maryland along with current activities of Afro-American Aggressors of Cambridge</u>		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b)(7) - (D)
Remarks:		

CC: 1- ea below
157-2504 (CBAF)
157-2754 (Elaine Adams)
157-2591 (L.D. Chester)
157-857 (Poss. Racial Violence)
157-2379 (Racial Situation, Cambridge)
157-3063 (AAAC)
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

RFM/ps

Block Stamp

157-3063-8 <i>ll</i> <i>75</i>

August 23, 1968

LEMUEL DARNELL CHESTER, the Field Secretary of the Afro-American Aggressors of Cambridge, Cambridge, Maryland has made several trips to Baltimore, Maryland and possibly Washington D.C. in an attempt to gain support from Racial organizations for the Afro-American week in Cambridge which was supposed to be held from 8/19-24/68 without any apparent success. No outside Racial leaders have come to Cambridge todate and there is no indication that any will come to Cambridge by 8/24/68. Chester had planned a rally to be held in Cambridge on 8/24/68 with various speakers from the different Racial groups, but there is no indication that any of these people will be in Cambridge on 8/24/68.

ELAINE SAMPSON ADAMS, Chairman of the Cambridge Black Action Federation is still devoting all her time to the Cambridge Youth Center. She and her organization appears to have become totally inactive in the Racial Situation in Cambridge, and this is reportedly due to lack of support and membership in her organization .

The Racial Situation has been peaceful and quiet in Cambridge, and there is no present indication that any demonstrations or violence will erupt in the near future.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Baltimore, Maryland

September 15, 1968

RE: AFRO-AMERICAN AGGRESSORS OF
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND (AAAC),
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

ORIGIN

On July 22, 1968, Chief of Police BRICE KINNAMON, Cambridge, Maryland, stated that one of his police officers picked up a circular in the Negro section of Cambridge reflecting that a march would be led by the Afro-American Aggressors of Cambridge (AAAC), Cambridge, Maryland, from 764 Cornish Drive to City Hall on Monday, July 22, 1968, at 6:00 p.m. Chief KINNAMON stated that the AAAC was a newly-formed civil rights organization within the Negro section (Second Ward) of Cambridge. ROGER STEWART, Reverend ALPHONSO I. FITCHETT and LEMUEL DARNELL CHESTER, JR., who were all formerly associated with the Cambridge Black Action Federation (CBAF), Cambridge, broke away from the CBAF because of a conflict with the leaders of CBAF and formed their own organization. The CBAF was formed in Cambridge, Maryland, in the latter part of June or July, 1967, and consisted of approximately 15 persons from the predominantly Negro Second Ward of Cambridge, Maryland. The group was active in local demonstrations in Cambridge in August, September and October, 1967, but has been relatively inactive since, reportedly due in part to the internal conflict.

Chief KINNAMON stated that the espoused purpose of the AAAC was to obtain better and additional housing for the Negro people of Cambridge.

- 11 - Bureau (REGIS.MAIL)
- 1 - USA, Baltimore (
- 1 - Secret Service, Baltimore (REGIS.MAIL)
- 4 - 109th MI GP, Baltimore (REGIS.MAIL)
- 1 - ONI, Bainbridge, Md. (REGIS.MAIL)
- 2 - OSI, Pennsylvania (REGIS.MAIL)
- ④ - Baltimore (1) - 157-3063
 - (1 - 157-2504 (CBAF)
 - (1 - 157-2591 (LEMUEL DARNELL CHESTER, JR.)
 - (1 - 157-2754 (ELAINE SAMPSON ADAMS)

RFM:df1
(24)

dkl

APPROVED.....
INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED.....
FILED.....

157-3063-9

RE: AFRO-AMERICAN AGGRESSORS OF
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND (AAAC),
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

LEADERSHIP AND AIMS

On August 16, 1968, ROGER STEWART, 400 Pine Street, Cambridge, Maryland, advised that he is a member of the Afro-American Aggressors of Cambridge, Cambridge, Maryland, and has been acting in the capacity of spokesman for the group. STEWART stated that the AAAC was organized in July, 1968, in Cambridge, Maryland, and many of the members were or still are members of the Cambridge Black Action Federation. STEWART stated that the AAAC was organized as he and other members do not believe that an organization should be run by a woman and added that the CBAF is run by ELAINE SAMPSON ADAMS, Cambridge. He further advised that the CBAF has been inactive and do not appear to have the backing that they previously enjoyed. STEWART stated that the following individuals are officers of the AAAC:

Co-Chairmen: JAMES DUPONT FLETCHER, 710 Leonards
Lane; Cambridge;
Reverend ALPHONSO I. FITCHETT, 1027
Camelia Circle, Cambridge;
Field Secretary: LEMUEL DARNELL CHESTER, JR.,
612 Muir Street, Cambridge.

STEWART stated that the AAAC is dedicated to helping the plight of the Negro community in Cambridge in all aspects of civil rights including housing, recreation, education, employment and equal opportunity. The AAAC is not a militant group and they believe in achieving their goals through legal means.

STEWART advised that the AAAC is sponsoring Afro-American Week in Cambridge from August 19 - 24, 1968, and have invited prominent out-of-town civil rights leaders to come to Cambridge. Invitations were sent out to CASSIUS CLAY, EARTHA KITT, STOKELY CARMICHAEL, LEVI JONES and RON KARENGA. Many other civil rights leaders were also invited and all indicated that they would make an effort to be there. STEWART stated that conferences and workshops would be conducted and various ideas on how to help the plight of the Negro community in Cambridge and in general will be discussed. STEWART hoped to make it an annual affair and anticipated that it would be a success. All the affairs would be held on private property in the Negro section of Cambridge.

RE: AFRO-AMERICAN AGGRESSORS OF
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND (AAAC),
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

Since organizing the AAAC in July, 1968, the group has met with the City and County Commissioners concerning housing and other problems and has picketed in front of the State Capitol.

On August 23, 1968, ROGER STEWART stated that the Afro-American Week scheduled at Cambridge, Maryland, from August 19 - 24, 1968, did not materialize due to the fact that those invited had other commitments and could not be in Cambridge during that week. STEWART stated that the AAAC is not a militant organization and shall continue to work through legal and recognized channels in order to obtain their objectives. STEWART stated that the AAAC will not stage any demonstrations in Cambridge as it is his belief that more can be accomplished through sitting down with local officials and trying to work out their problems in an orderly and logical manner.

ACTIVITIES

On July 22, 1968, Chief of Police BRICE KINNAMON, Cambridge, Maryland, stated that at approximately 7:00 p.m., July 22, 1968, 40 Negroes, including a number of teenagers from the Second Ward of Cambridge, appeared at the City Council meeting and were admitted entrance. The group confronted the newly-elected City Council over delays in construction of 75 additionally approved low cost housing. The group spokesman, Reverend ALPHONSO FITCHETT, accused the Council and Mayor of being responsible for the lengthy delay in choosing a site for the housing project. The Mayor admitted that the city has turned down three sites which had been proposed by the Federal Housing officials. Reverend FITCHETT told the City Council that the group represented a newly-formed civil rights organization named Afro-American Aggressors of Cambridge.

The Mayor promised a meeting of the local housing authorities, Federal Housing officials and other city officials in an attempt to determine who is responsible for the delay. The group of Negroes left the City Council meeting at 7:50 p.m. after an orderly meeting with city officials.

RE: AFRO-AMERICAN AGGRESSORS OF
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND (AAAC),
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

On July 23, 1968, BAKER ROBBINS, County Commissioner, Dorchester County, Cambridge, Maryland, advised that at 3:00 p.m., July 23, 1968, LEMUEL DARNELL CHESTER, JR., Reverend ALPHONSO FITCHETT and a third Negro male unknown to Mr. ROBBINS, appeared at the County Council meeting in the Court House. Reverend FITCHETT identified the group as representatives of the AAAC. The trio requested that the Commissioners hire a Negro resident of Dorchester County in the newly-constructed County Administration Building at Cambridge. The Commissioners advised the group that they had under advisement the hiring of a Negro resident to one of the newly-created jobs in the new building. The trio then requested permission to hold an outdoor meeting in Spring Valley within the following two weeks. Spring Valley is a County park located adjacent to the County Court House. By unanimous vote the Commissioners voted not to allow any group, white or Negro, to hold a rally or meeting in Spring Valley due to the racial tension that has existed in Cambridge during the recent past. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. and there were no incidents reported.

On July 25, 1968, Investigator GEORGE THOMAS, Maryland State Police, Annapolis, Maryland, advised that a group of Negroes consisting of seven males and six females arrived at Annapolis, Maryland, at 12:30 p.m., July 25, 1968, in three vehicles. The group identified themselves as the AAAC and thereafter picketed the Maryland State House until shortly after 1:00 p.m., quietly and without incident. The group carried placards which stated, "Black is beautiful" and "Our war is here - not in Vietnam". Shortly after 1:00 p.m. the group reentered their vehicles and left the Annapolis area.

Confidential Informant BA T-1 advised on August 23, 1968, that LEMUEL DARNELL CHESTER, JR., the Field Secretary of the AAAC, has made several trips to Baltimore, Maryland, and possibly Washington, D.C., in an effort to gain support from the various racial organizations for the Afro-American Week in Cambridge which was supposed to be held from August 19 - 24, 1968, without any apparent success. No outside racial leaders have come to Cambridge to date and there is no indication that any will come to Cambridge by August 24, 1968. The group had planned a rally to be held in Cambridge on August 24, 1968, with various speakers from the different racial organizations.

"THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS NEITHER RECOMMENDATIONS
NOR CONCLUSIONS OF THE FBI. IT IS THE PROPERTY
OF THE FBI AND IS LOANED TO YOUR AGENCY; IT
AND ITS CONTENTS ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED
OUTSIDE YOUR AGENCY."

4*

F B I

Date: 9/15/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL XXXXXXXXXX REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-10006)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-3063) *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: AFRO-AMERICAN AGGRESSORS OF CAMBRIDGE
(AAC), CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND
RM

Rebulet to Baltimore, 7/31/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM dated and captioned as above.

Copies of LHM are being furnished 109th MI GP, Secret Service, U. S. Attorney, Baltimore, Maryland; ONI, Bainbridge, Maryland; and OSI, Pennsylvania.

BA T-1 is FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (REGIS. MAIL)

④ - Baltimore (① - 157-3063)

(1 - 157-2504 {CAMBRIDGE BLACK ACTION FEDERATION})

(1 - 157-2591 {LEMUEL DARNELL CHESTER, JR.})

(1 - 157-2754 {ELAINE SAMPSON ADAMS})

RFM:df1

(7) *LR*

SEARCHED.....

INDEXED.....

SERIALIZED.....

FILED.....

Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M

Per

157-3063-10



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

408 Post Office Building
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

December 5, 1968

Re: Racial Situation,
Cambridge, Maryland,
November 29-30, 1968

On November 29, 1968, Chief of Police BRICE KINNAMON, Cambridge, Maryland, advised that LEMUEL DARNELL CHESTER, JR., Field Secretary, Afro-American Aggressors of Cambridge (AAAC) and approximately 10 members of this organization passed out literature in the main business district of Cambridge during the late afternoon of November 29, 1968. The literature called for a boycott of approximately 10 stores by Negro residents during the remaining shopping days prior to Christmas because of the failure of these stores to hire Negro employees. The group also carried placards protesting the fact that the City of Cambridge in addition to Dorchester County have refused to hire qualified Negroes as office employees. The group remained in the downtown section for approximately a half hour before dispersing. There were no arrests or incidents reported.

On November 29, 1968, Confidential Source BA T-1 advised that LEMUEL DARNELL CHESTER, JR., conducted a meeting with approximately 10 members of the AAAC during the evening of November 29, 1968. CHESTER made plans to conduct a demonstration in the main business district of Cambridge on November 30, 1968, in the form of picketing with placards in front of the 10 stores that have not hired any Negro employees. CHESTER also made tentative plans to march in the Annual Christmas Parade on November 30, 1968, carrying their placards whether or not they receive permission from parade officials. CHESTER had attempted to recruit outside help from various Negro colleges and expected a number of the students in Cambridge to assist in the demonstration on November 30, 1968.

- 11 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - USA, Baltimore
4 - 109th MIGP, Baltimore (RM)
1 - Secret Service, Baltimore (RM)
1 - NISO, Bainbridge, Md. (RM)
1 - OSI, Olmsted AFB, Pa. (RM)
④ - Baltimore (157-2379)
 (1-157-857)
 (1-157-2591 CHESTER)
 (1-157-3063 AAAC)
- bu*
RFM:bei(23)

Searched _____
Serialized _____
Indexed _____
Filed _____

157-3063-11

Re: Racial Situation,
Cambridge, Maryland,
November 29-30, 1968

On November 30, 1968, Chief KINNAMON stated that everything was peaceful and quiet in Cambridge on November 30, 1968, and there were no racial demonstrations or incidents reported. Chief KINNAMON stated that the proposed racial demonstrations on November 30, 1968, did not take place as CHESTER apparently could not muster any support from local or outside Negroes.

On December 2, 1968, Confidential Source BA T-1 advised that WALTER BLACK, Easton, Maryland, formerly with the Maryland Chapter of NAACP, and more recently reportedly associated with an unknown civil rights group in Baltimore, Maryland, was in Cambridge, Maryland, for a couple of days last week and had promised LEMUEL DARNELL CHESTER, JR., that he would bring a number of Negro college students into Cambridge on November 29-30, 1968, to participate in the picketing of the boycotted stores and any other planned demonstrations connected therewith. BLACK failed to appear in Cambridge with the students on November 29-30, 1968, and CHESTER's plans were a complete flop.

BA T-1 furnished a copy of the handbill, set out herewith, which calls for a boycott of certain Cambridge stores. The handbill bears the name of Afro-American Aggressors and Black Gorillas. Apparently CHESTER meant Black Guerillas, but this group appears to be a figment of CHESTER's imagination as no such organization exists at this time. CHESTER would like to have this group formed as the militant arm of the AAAC and he has discussed this plan with ALVIN BRUMWELL (phonetic) age 19, High Street Extended, LARRY NICHOLS, age 19, Chesapeake Court and WAYNE SUDLER, age 19, Schoolhouse Lane, Cambridge. These three local Negroes are young hoodlum toughs and would do anything for excitement. As of this time, CHESTER has not been able to muster enough support from the hoodlum element to organize this group.

"STORES TO BOYCOTT IN CAMBRIDGE"

Our motive is that if these stores haven't hired any BLACKS up to this time while other stores who had pressure applied hired BLACKS: then they don't give a damn about hiring BLACKS.

Will ALL BLACKS BOYCOTT THE FOLLOWING STORES;

BATA**-- EDGAR'S --(All departments)-- WESTERN AUTO -- Montgomery WARD -- TASTER FREEZE -- PATIO -- STELENS -- ALL QUICK SHOPS -- MAR-B. SHOP -- DEVOS -- MARMER'S.

When pressure was applied to the following stores to hire BLACKS and they refused, consequently their business terminated:

Dizzyland-- Thrifty Shop -- Ann's Millinery-- Johnson Kincad -- Phillip's Hardware -- Willey's Appliance.

Where you are SPENDING YOUR GREEN DOLLARS and there is no Black Clerks. The City Officials have Refused to use their influence to get Blacks employed so this means they don't give a DAMN so why should we spend our money in these stores where we are not represented we are asking all Blacks to BOYCOTT not colored or negroes but BLACKS. IT IS INDESPENSABLE THAT THIS LAST INDEFINITELY.

Perhaps in the near future transportation will be provided to shop out of Cambridge.

AFRO-AMERICAN AGGRESSORS --- BLACK GORILLAS

ATTENTION !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! ATTENTION !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

A MASS RALLY HAS BEEN SET FOR FRIDAY MORNING AT 10:00 ON PINE STREET ON ONE OF THE VACANT LOTS. PLEASE ATTEND AND HEAR STUDENTS SPEAK FROM MARYLAND STATE COLLEGE AND FROM BALTIMORE. WE NEED YOUR HELP IN FRIGHTING THIS RACIAL IMBALANCE THAT EXISTS IN CAMBRIDGE. LET US STICK TOGETHER. UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL.

**** *****

"THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS NEITHER RECOMMENDATIONS NOR CONCLUSIONS OF THE FBI. IT IS THE PROPERTY OF THE FBI AND IS LOANED TO YOUR AGENCY; IT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE YOUR AGENCY."



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
408 Post Office Building
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

December 5, 1968

Title Racial Situation
 Cambridge, Maryland
 November 29, 30, 1968

Character

Reference Communication dated and
 captioned as above

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

12/5/68

A I R T E L

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-2379)
SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION
CAMERIDGE, MARYLAND
11/29-30/68
RM

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Copies of LHM are being furnished to appropriate military intelligence agencies, Secret Service and United States Attorney, Baltimore.

Confidential source BA T-1 is [REDACTED]

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

- 3 - Bureau (Encl-11)(REGISTERED MAIL)
4 - Baltimore (157-2379)
(1-157-857)
(1-157-2591 CHESTER)
(1-157-3063 AAAC)

RFM:be1
(7)

be1

Searched _____
Serialized _____
Indexed _____
Filed _____

157-3063-12

Date received
11/29/68

Received from (name or symbol number)
FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Received by
SA RICHARD F. MAYO

Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)

☐ in person ☒ by telephone ☐ by mail ☒ orally ☐ recording device ☐ written by Informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

Dictated 12/2/68 to _____
Transcribed _____
Authenticated
by Informant _____

Date of Report
11/29/68

Date(s) of activity
11/29/68

Brief description of activity or material

Lemuel Darnell Chester Jr., Cambridge, Md
planned to conduct a demonstration with out
of town students in main business district of
Cambridge on 11/30/68

File where original is located if not attached

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Remarks:

1-157-2591 (Chester)
1-157-3063 (AAAC)
1-157-3437 (CBG)
1 FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
(4)
RFM/

Block Stamp

157-3063-13

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
DEC 4 1968	
FBI - BALTIMORE	

November 29, 1968
Cambridge, Maryland

On the evening of 11/29/68, Lemuel Darnell Chester Jr., conducted a meeting with approximately 10 members of the Afro-American Aggressors of Cambridge (AAAC), and made plans to conduct a demonstration in the main business district of Cambridge on 11/30/68 in the form of picketing with placards in front of 10 stores which have not hired any Negro people. Chester also made tentative plans to march in the Christmas parade on 11/30/68 carrying the placards regardless of whether permission is granted by parade officials. Chester has attempted to recruit outside help from various Negro Colleges and expects that a number of these students will be in Cambridge to assist him on 11/30/68.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Date received 12/2/68	Received from (name or symbol number) FOIA(b) (7) - (D)	Received by SA RICHARD F. MAYO
Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in person <input type="checkbox"/> by telephone <input type="checkbox"/> by mail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> orally <input type="checkbox"/> recording device <input type="checkbox"/> written by Informant		
If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Dictated <u>12/2/68</u> to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 12/2/68 Date(s) of activity 11/30/68
Brief description of activity or material <u>Failure of Lemuel Chester's plans to hold demonstration in Cambridge on 11/30/68.</u>		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Remarks:		

1-157-2591 (Chester)
 1-157-3063 (AAAC)
 1-157-3437 (CBG)
 FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
 (4)
 RFM/aed

Block Stamp

-14

157-3063

SEARCHED _____	INDEXED _____
SERIALIZED _____	FILED _____
DEC 19 1968 FBI - BALTIMORE	

December 2, 1968
Cambridge, Maryland

WALTER BLACK, Easton, Maryland, formerly with the Maryland Chapter of NAACP, and more recently with an unknown group dealing with Civil Rights from Baltimore, Maryland was in Cambridge, Maryland a couple of days last week, and had promised LEMUEL DARNELL CHESTER JR. that he would bring a number of Negro College students into Cambridge, Maryland on 11/29, 30/68 to participate in the picketing of the white owned stores in Cambridge and any other planned demonstrations connected therewith. BLACK failed to appear in Cambridge with the students on 11/29, 30/68, and Chester's plans were a complete flop. CHESTER cannot muster any local support from the Cambridge, Maryland Negro community so as a result he has to go outside Cambridge for help.

The Cambridge Black Guerillas appears to be a figment of Chester's imagination as no such organization exists at this time. Chester would like to have this group as the Militant arm of the Afro-American Aggressors of Cambridge, and he has discussed this plan with ALVIN BRUMWELL, age-19, High St Extended, Larry Nichols, age-19, Chesapeake Court and Wayne Sudler, age-19, Schoolhouse Lane. These three young Negroes are local hoodlums, and would do anything for excitement. The handbill that Chester prepared announcing the boycott was signed by the Afro-American Aggressors and the Black GORILLAS. Apparently Chester meant the name to be Black GUERILLAS. The proposed group will probably never get off the ground floor as Chester can not muster enough support from the type of element that is required for such a group.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

FBI

Date: 4/1/70

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-165706-32)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-161993)

SUBJECT: ~~BPP~~ (EXPULSIONS & UNDERGROUND ACTIVITIES)
RACIAL MATTERS

ReNHTel to Bureau dated 3/31/70.

Referenced teletype reports information from NH T-9, reliable, to the effect that HENRY and BETH MITCHELL are presently doing security work underground for the BPP and have not been expelled.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

For the information of NH, [redacted] (NY T-29) has reported on numerous occasions that HENRY and BETH MITCHELL have been expelled from the BPP for stealing money from the Party and other infractions.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Baltimore (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - Boston (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (INFO) (RM)
- 2 - New Haven (RM)
- 2 - New Orleans (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (INFO) (RM)
- 2 - San Francisco (RM)
- 1 - New York (157-3994) (HENRY MITCHELL) (43)
- 1 - New York (157-4119) (BETH BRAGG) (43)
- 1 - New York (43)

JJK:egb
(16)

~~DO NOT DESTROY - PENDING LITIGATION~~
~~DO NOT DESTROY PENDING LITIGATION~~

157-3063-15
157-3240

SEARCHED *llm* INDEXED *llm*
SERIALIZED *llm* FILED *llm*
APR 2 1970
FBI - BALTIMORE

Completed with 157-2063

Drew
Davis
info

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

M

Per

As NH notes in referenced teletype, "The Black Panther" newspaper has reported their expulsion and "purge" which is common practice. The "People's Community News" in New York, Vol. 6, dated 3/22/70, page 2, carried an article captioned "Party Purge" MITCH and BETH. It notes that HENRY MITCHELL and his wife ELIZABETH BRAGG no longer represent the Party in any way. It states that large sums of money were missing after they left. They are described as low life pigs and renegades.

It is also noted that the New Orleans Office by teletype to Director, 3/30/70 (no copy to NH), in which Mrs. JOSEPHINE BRAGG, mother of ELIZABETH BRAGG on 3/30/70 advised the NO Office that her daughter and HENRY MITCHELL were at her residence, 2015 Sere Street, New Orleans, on 3/27/70, at which time they were traveling in a 1965 or 1966, four door Bel Air Chevrolet, beige in color, which HENRY MITCHELL said belonged to his brother in New York. This car had 1970 New York license 1548 QN.

NCIC check reveals that above New York license tag reported stolen by NYCPD, according to NO.

NO requested the NYO to determine if HENRY MITCHELL was wanted by the NYCPD. It was determined on 3/31/70, that HENRY MITCHELL was not wanted by the NYCPD.

Mrs. JOSEPHINE BRAGG further advised that MITCHELL was working in New Orleans as a laborer but his exact address is not known to her but she feels MITCHELL and her daughter are still in New Orleans.

Sources of the NYO close to BPP operations in New York have all reported the expulsion of the MITCHELLS at the time they were expelled or shortly thereafter.

In view of the above, it appears most unlikely to the NYO that they could possibly be assigned to do security work underground.

NY 100-161993

The NH Office is requested to recontact NH T-9 for further details. It should be borne in mind that this would be the first time, to the knowledge of the NYO, that such a technique has been employed by the BPP. It is possible a trap has been set for NH T-9 and he could be compromised or used to mislead the government. As this may be a BPP misinformation program New Haven should interview informant to determine how a BPP member does security work underground and what his chores are.

The New Orleans Office is requested to keep NH, SF and NY advised as to the location of MITCHELL, when determined, and to discreetly determine his activities.

The SF Office is requested to advise if such a technique as publically expelling a member and then to use him in a covert manner has ever been employed by the BPP in the past or if in fact anyone has been accepted back into the Party after public expulsion.